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SUMMARY: A MEETING AIMED AT PAVING WAY FOR RECONCILIATION BETWEEN JCP AND CPSU, WHICH HAVE BEEN FEUDING SINCE 1964, HAS BEEN POSTPONED. JCP AND CPSU DELEGATES TO HANOI PARTY CONGRESS WERE ORGINALLY SUPPOSED TO ARRANGE RECONCILIATION TALKS IN MOSCOW BUT DID NOT DO SO, APPARENTLY BECAUSE SIGNALS FROM SOVIETS WERE NEGATIVE. END SUMMARY.

1. ON DECEMBER 20 TETSUZO FUWA, CHIEF OF JCP SECRETARIAT, ANNOUNCED THAT JCP-CPSU RECONCILIATION TALKS WOULD BE POST-PONED FROM END OF DECEMBER TO "SOMETIME AFTER JANUARY NEXT YEAR." JCP AND CPSU HAVE BEEN FEUDING SINCE 1964 WHEN JCP EXPELLED PRESIDIUM MEMBER YOSHIO SHIGA FOR SUPPORTING PARTIAL NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY, WHICH JCP OPPOSED AND CPSU FAVORED. CPSU HAS SUPPORTED SHIGA'S COMMUNIST SPINTER GROUP, VOICE OF JAPAN, SINCE THEN. JCP'S ONLY ANNOUNCED PRECONDITION FOR RECONCILIATION IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOVIET AGREEMENT TO END ITS SUPPORT FOR VOICE OF JAPAN.

2. FUWA ANNOUNCED POSTPONEMENT DAY AFTER HE RETURNED FROM REPRESENTING JCP AT FOURTH DONG PARTY CONGRESS IN HANOI. ACCORDING TO ORIGINAL JCP SCENARIO, JCP REPS WERE TO MEET WITH CPSU DELEGATION LEADER SUSLOV

DURING CONGRESS TO DISCUSS ARRANGING RECONCILIATION TALKS. ACCORDING TO ASAHI SHIMBUN, IF SIGNALS FROM SUSLOV WERE POSITIVE, JCP VICE CHAIRMAN NISHIZAWA, ALSO ATTENDING HANOI CONGRESS, WAS REPORTEDLY READY TO FLY TO MOSCOW TO SET UP A LATER MEETING IN MOSCOW BETWEEN JCP CHAIRMAN MIYAMOTO AND BREZHNEV TO MAKE RECONCILIATION OFFICIAL.

- 3. ACCORDING TO FUWA, NISHIZAWA AND SUSLOV DID MEET, BUT ONLY AGREED TO POSTPONE FIRST STAGE MOSCOW TALKS. FUWA SAID POSTPONEMENT WAS NECESSITATED BY "CIRCUMSTANCES CONCERNING THE PARTIES' POLITICAL SCHEDULES," VIZ. JCP HOSTING OF UK COMMUNIST PARTY MISSION IN JANUARY AND FUWA VISIT TO ITALY IS SAME MONTH. WHILE THESE SCHEDULING DIFFICULTIES DO NOT SEEM VERY CONVINCING REASONS FOR POSTPONEMENT, NO ONE WE HAVE TALKED TO CAN NOW OFFER A MORE CONCRETE EXPLANATION. NISHIZAWA RETURNED FROM HANOI DEC. 23 AND MAY SOON GIVE PRESS MORE INFO ON REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT.
- 4. WHILE FUWA WAS IN HANOI, JCP CHAIRMAN MIYAMOTO, IN MOVE AIMED AT REPAIRING INTERNAL PARTY FENCES, PUBLICLY REVERSED HIS ELECTION EVE STATEMENT THAT JCP WAS WILLING TO "SHELVE" ITS OPPOSITION TO US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY IN INTERESTS OF FORMING A COALITION GOVERNMENT. MIYAMOTO'S UNILATERAL "SHELVING" OF NEAR SACROSANCT JCP GOAL IS SAID TO HAVE ANTAGONIZED MUCH OF PARTY MEMBERSHIP -- WITHDRAWAL IS PRESUMABLY AIMED AT REPAIRING THAT DAMAGE. HODGSON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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